Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

High Hill Church

UNION COUNTY, MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21,

1969

Next session convenes with Park View Primitive Baptist Church, located Sprague Street, Winston Salem, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1970.

OFFICERS

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Proceedings

Of The 137th Annual Session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met with High Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Union County, N. C., Friday, September 19, 1969 and continued through Sunday following.

Brethren, sisters, and friends assembled in the house around 10 o'clock and engaged in song service, after which Elder E. D. Speir Sr. of the Towaliga Association of Georgia led in prayer to Almighty God for His divine guidance and presence during this meeting. Elder Newell Helms, pastor of High Hill Church, delivered the Introductory Sermon from Psalms 133.

An hour of refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed, after which the Association convened in the house. There was a short song service, then Elder Frank McCarty, pastor of Tidewater Primitive Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., led the Association in prayer, and proceeded with business as follows: Elder Newell Helms, pastor of High Hill Church served as Moderator, Brother Larry Austin, Clerk of High Hill Church, served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seat with us.

2. Called for letters or representation from sister churches of the Association which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

High Hill. Represented by entire membership.

Park View: Brethren John Clark, Athel Smith, Claud Parnell, and Brady Johnson.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Reece Eury, Charlie Hatley, Ted Hatley, and Bill Fincher.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Glen Mullis, Harold Williams, Carl Griffin, and A. E. Broome.

Union Grove: Eld. Charles Smith, Brethren Carl Haigler, Wriston Hill, and Charlie Howard.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Joe Edwards, Thomas Vanhoy, Frank Medlin, and Sherrill Vanhoy.

Lawyers Spring: Brethren Orlin Stewart, Tommy March, Walter Hasty, and Wilson Greene.

Crooked Creek: Brethren John Hinson, Bernard Simpson, Brown Biggers, and Lloyd Braswell.

High Point: Brethren Colon Auman, Willie Cole, Paul Strickland, and Willie Beard.

Meadow Creek: Brethren William Almond, Ervin Hatley, Ralph Hathcock, and Ray Eudy.

Watson: Brethren Titus Tarlton, Wilburn Mullis, David Helms, and Joe Baucom.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Rankin Richardson, Johnny Woodell, Arthur Auman, and Elzie Auman.

Bethel: Brethren Carlos Benton, Bobby Sommerset, Douglas McLamb, and J. P. Lewis.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, V. H. Solomon, Grady Braswell, and Lee Robinson.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers, Richard Styers, and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Bud Rutledge, Jeff Hardy, Roy Hardy, and John Efird.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy and Lester Adams.

Herrins: Grove: Brethren J. R. Almond, C. M. Herrin, J. L. Lewis, and D. M. Harkey.

Jerusalem: Brethren Floyd Thomas, Bennie Thomas, Fred Baucom, and Sister Bessie Thomas.

New Hope: Represented by letter and any member able to attend.

3. Called for petitionary letters: none presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance: Appointed as follows:

Preaching Committee: Elder W. M. Benton, Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren Earl Pressley, Johnnie Edwards, Verlon Corbitt, and Thomas Broadway.

Finance Committee: Brethren Howard Edwards, Doc Helms, Carl Haigler, Athel Smith, Lane Vanhoy, Brady Polk, and Elder D. B. Willard.

In response to a call for ordained help from Union Grove Church, the following formed a presbytery September 28,

1968 and ordained Brethren Newell Helms and Charles Smith to the full work of the gospel ministry: Elders C. M. Mills, F. W. Stack, Jr., V. V. Willard, Brice Haigler, Joe Helms, E. H. Simpson, D. B. Willard, A. E. Broadway, W. M. Benton, Rom Kerley, H. L. Poplin, and L. J. Corn. Deacons: Leonard Baucom, W. S. Medlin, Lloyd Outen, Carl Haigler, Oren Baucom, Earl Pressley, Brown Biggers, Larry Austin Hobart Medlin, Gradon Helms, Wilson Greene, Charlie Vanhoy, C. C. Furr, Roy Hardy, Burin Williams, T. E. Ragen, Floyd Thomas, C. C. Willard, David Dix, Rankin Richardson, Elzie Auman, Frank Medlin, Ervin Hatley, Bill Curlee, Wilburn Mullis, Bill Fincher, W. B. Simpson, Fred Eudy, Fred Harkey, Buford Hinson, Howard Edwards, Melvin Mills, Thomas Broadway, David Helms, Fred Baucom, Claud Parnell, Verlon Corbitt, Charlie Hatley, Orlin Stewart, Octavis Helms, Johnnie Edwards, and W. A. Ashby.

In response to a call for ordained help from Mountain Creek Church, the following formed a presbytery March 15, 1969 and ordained Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Lonnie Eury, and Joe Robinson to the office of deacon: Elders C. M. Mills, H. L. Poplin, W. M. Benton, F. W. Stack, Jr., Joe Helms, Charles Smith, and Newell Helms. Deacons: Frank Medlin, Charlie Vanhoy, Johnnie Edwards, M. D. Anderson, A. D. McLamb, Gradon Helms, Truby High, Jack Moyle, C. C. Furr, Bill Fincher, Hobart Medlin, Charlie Hatley, Wilson Greene, Verlon Corbitt, Ervin Hatley, W. B. Simpson, Roy Hardy, Burin Williams, L. E. Outen, Leonard Baucom, Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler, Wilburn Mullis, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Thomas Broadway, and Buford Hinson.

6. Invited all visiting brethren and sisters from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

Original Little River of North Carolina: Elder A. D. McGee, Brother Seba Clifton and wife, Sisters L. L. Blackmon, Gladys Carroll, and Randy Clifton.

Original Towaliga: Elder Elzie D. Speir Sr., and wife, Elder Roy Speir.

Little River of Georgia: Elder Edward Cagle and sons, Brethren Stanley Cagle and Ray Dangar.

Friendship of Georgia: Brother Clifford Cook and wife.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: No representation.

Powells Valley: Minutes, no visitors.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder Guy Hunt and wife, Brother J. L. Hopper and wife, Brother Reves Brothers and wife, Brother Ernest Blackwood, Sisters Mertice Blackwood, and Lena Kilgo.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and welcomed the following:

First Primitive Baptist Association of Oklahoma: Elder W. M. Smith.

Echeconnee Association of Georgia: Elder W. H. Hancock and wife.

Ketocton Association: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Mississippi River Association: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife.

Tidewater Church, Norfolk, Va.: Elder Frank McCarty and wife.

New Hope Church, Winter Garten, Fla.: Elder Gus Harter.

Silver Creek Association: Elder Orvin Huffman, Elder Gene Watson.

Danville, Va.: Elder R. F. Kidd.

Pulaski, Va.: Elder Ray White.

Pleasant Hill Church, (Iredell County) Sisters Ada Compton and Nan Owens.

North View Church: Brother Rufus Dillon and wife, Brother John Dillon and wife, Brother J. H. Dillon and wife, Sister Marie Roberts.

Little Flock Church, Va.: Licentiate H. S. Terrell and wife.

Claiborn St. Church, Danville, Va.: Brother J. F. Lawrence and wife, and others.

Note: We regret that due to the weather condition many

of our visitors' names were not obtained. Please accept our apology.—Assistant Clerk

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Original Little River of North Carolina: (Little Flock) Elders F. W. Stack, E. H. Simpson, D. B. Willard, Rom Kerley, Brethren Wilburn Mullis and W. B. Simpson.

Original Towaliga: (East Point) Elders Charles Smith, Newell Helms, and Rom Kerley.

Little River of Georgia: (Cross Roads) Elder W. M. Benton, Brethren W. B. Simpson, Oren Baucom, and Carl Haigler.

Friendship of Georgia: (Hardeman) Elder Brice Haigler,

Tennessee - Nolachucky: (Tuckaleechee) Elder Brice Haigler, Brethren Thomas Broadway, Gene Barbee, and Bob Helms.

Powells Valley: (Oak Ridge) Elder Newell Helms, Brethren Kenneth Austin, and Edward Pressley.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: (Salem) Elders Charles Smith, Rom Kerley, D. B. Willard, Brethren Earl Crook, Edward Pressley, and Larry Austin.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond, by move, second, and vote.

10. Elder Brice Haigler was unanimously appointed to write Corresponding Letter, to be approved at our Saturday session.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock by move, second and vote. (Meeting to continue at Unionville Elementary School).

Benediction by Elder Roy Speir.

SATURDAY, September 20, 1969.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the school auditorium at 9 o'clock a. m. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder Roy Speir of the Towaliga Association of Georgia, the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Acknowledged visitors from corresponding associations and non-corresponding associations and churches who have arrived since our Friday session and listed their names under items 6 and 7.

13. Called for report from the Finance Committee: Reported as follows:

Received from the churches	$1206.00	
Received from friends	143.49	$1349.49

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute Minutes from corresponding associations as usual by move, second and vote.

15. Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and approved and ordered inscribed in the Minute, by move, second, and vote.

16. Extended invitation for churches of the Association to request fifth Sunday meetings and unanimously granted the following:

November, 1969—High Point Church
March, 1970—Meadow Creek Church
May, 1970—Oak Grove Church
August, 1970—Mills Chapel Church

17. Unanimously agreed to hold the next session of the Association with Park View Church, Winston Salem, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1970, and that the pastor of that church deliver the Introductory Sermon, by move, second, and vote.

18. Unanimously agreed by move, second, and vote to have 1400 copies of the Minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same, and that he be allowed $225.00 for printing, mailing and Clerk's services.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in Item 18 to ministers present, and any other associational expenses the Finance Committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to all the members

and friends of High Hill Church and community for help in every way during this meeting. We also wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Fred High, Principal, and Unionville Elementary School for use of the school facilities, and to Troop 169 of the Boy Scouts, and their scout master, Mr. Eugene Honeycutt, for assisting with the parking, and all others who have contributed to our welfare and comfort. May God in His tender love and mercy richly bless you all.

21. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in Item 17 after reading and approving the Minute. Benediction by Elder D. B. Willard.

ELDER NEWELL HELMS, Moderator
BROTHER LARRY AUSTIN, Clerk
BROTHER OREN N. BAUCOM, Ass't Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches		$1206.00
Received from friends		143.49 $1349.49
Disbursements:		
Printing, mailing, and Clerks services	225.00	
Ministers, & misc. associational expenses	1124.49	$1349.49

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Newell Helms, Psa. 133

Friday Afternoon:
Elder Roy Speir, Eph. 5:1-21

Friday Night (High Hill):
Elder Frank McCarty, Eph. 5:21-33
Elder Gus Harter, 1 Tim. 2:2-15

Saturday Morning:
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Deut. 5
Elder E. D. Speir, Sr Psa. 133
Elder Guy Hunt, Mal. 3:1-4

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder Edward Cagle, 2 Tim. 2:15
Elder A. D. McGee, 2 Tim. 4:1-3
Elder R. F. Kidd, Mark 16:15 and Num. 10

Saturday Night (High Hill):
Elder Gene Watson, Gen. 1:1 and Isa. 55:11
Elder Wiley Sammons, Tit. 3:4-8

Saturday Night (Liberty Hill):
Elder Edward Cagle, failed to get text
Elder A. D. McGee, failed to get text

Saturday Night (Lawyers Spring):
Elder W. M. Smith, Rev. 21
Elder W. H. Hancock, 1 Tim. 5:24

Sunday Morning:
Elder W. H. Hancock, Eph. 1:1-14
Elder Wiley Sammons, Psa. 116:12-13 and John 14:1

Sunday Afternoon:
Elder C. M. Mills, James 5:5
Elder V. V. Willard, Rom. 8:31:31

HOME MINISTERS, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS

Elder Newell Helms, Rt. 2 Box 272 Monroe, N. C. 28110, Ph. 283-6570
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Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107; Ph. 769-2058
Eld. C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205; Ph. 537-9510
Elder H. L. Poplin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001; Ph. 982-3589
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C. 28025; Ph. 782-7593
Eld. Brice C. Haigler, Rt. 3, Box 305, Monroe, N. C. 28110; Ph. 283-6995
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C. 28133; 272-2447
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Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.; 27107
Lic. John Efird, Rt. 1, Rockwell, N. C.

Elder P. H. Young, one of our beloved elders from Park View Church passed away May 6, 1969. The Association joins with his bereaved family in their grief.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder R. E. Cagle, Rt. 1, Cagle Rd., Roswell, Ga. 30075
Elder Guy Hunt, Rt. 2, Holly Pond, Ala. 35083
Elder Elzie D. Speir, Sr., 3310 Grant Rd., Conley, Ga. 30027
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Elder A. D. McGee, Rt. 2, Angier, N. C.
Elder William G. Fletcher, Rt. 6, Box 453, Winchester, Va. 22601
Elder Wiley Sammons, Box 246, Colliersville, Tenn. 38017
Elder Gene F. Watson, Rt. 4, Lenoir, N. C. 28645
Elder Ray White, 123 2nd St. S. W., Pulaski, Va.
Elder W. H. Hancock, 3879 Tela Pl., Macon, Ga. 31206
Elder Frank E. McCarty, 3226 Hyde Circle, Norfolk, Va. 23513
Elder M. W. Smith, 1569 S. W. 44th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Elder Gus Harter, 3107 Illingworth Ave., Orlando, Fla.
Elder Orvin Huffman, P. O. Box 1776, Ashville, N. C. 28802
Elder R. F. Kidd, Jr. Danville, Va.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Lord has blessed us with another sweet meeting. Not a note of discord from the Introductory Sermon by one of our youngest ministers to the last two sermons by our oldest ministers, and filled in between in perfect harmony with beloved brethren from seven states. Two precious young men came asking for a home in the dear old church.

The next session will, the Lord willing, be at Park View Church, on Sprague Street in Winston Salem. Turn off Interstate 85 at Highway 52 exit, and follow signs.

IN MEMORIAM

We pause in solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last meeting. The churches of the Association join with the bereaved families in their grief.

New Hope—Brother Lish Sullivan

Park View—Elder P. H. Young

Union Grove—Sister Grace Williams Hill

Pleasant Grove: Brother Lewis D. Mullis, Sister Fannie Polk

Lawyers Spring—Sister Mary Horne, Sister Martha Frances Ponds

High Point—Sister Minnie Adkins, Sister Evia Willard, Brother Coy Hicks, Brother Andrew King, Brother Bernie Snider

Meadow Creek—Sister Rosa Almond Lambert, Sister Sarah Eudy Rice, Sister Eva Tucker Smith, Brother Gilbert Benton

Union—Sister Annie Moore

Mills Chapel—Sister Ola Jones, Sister Martha Owens.

Crooked Creek: Sister Mattie Helms

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Another year has winged its way by and we, the churches of the Original Bear Creek Association, are humbly thankful to Almighty God to be able to assemble in this godly manner, to worship God in spirit and in truth.

The past year has had many joys, as well as sorrows, but God has been merciful and kind to our churches. We thank Him for the gift of eternal life, that some glorious day all the redeemed shall see Him face to face. Here we see in part, and prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

We appreciate immensely all the many visitors that have come to meet and worship with us, also the elders who have come from far and near preaching the glorious gospel of our Lord. May each of you have a desire to come back.

How good it is to see brethren coming from the north, south, east and west to sit down in the house of God with unity and Christian love flowing from breast to breast. Truly Abraham rejoiced to see this day and saw it and was glad. Indeed it is a challenge, responsibility, and duty of each member to pray and labor for peace in Zion. May we earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. What a priceless heritage we have!

May the light of truth and spiritual wisdom lead and guide us in the incoming year. May we employ the prophecy of Isaiah: "Upon every hill that shall be digged with a mattock there shall not come thither the fear of briars and thorns, but shall be for the sending forth of oxen and the treading of lesser cattle."

Humbly submitted in love,

Elder Brice Haigler

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

High Hill: Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Park View: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107
Liberty Hill: Reece Eury, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. 28129
Pleasant Grove: T. B. Curlee, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C. 28103
Union Grove: Oren Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr., Charlotte, N. C. 28205
Mountain Creek: A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001
Lawyer's Spring: Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C. 28133
Crooked Creek: Don Simpson, Rt. 7, Poplin Rd., Monroe, N. C. 28110
High Point: H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107
Meadow Creek: Fred P. Eudy, Rt. 1, Box 109, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124
Watson: Tommy L. Simpson, 3432 Craig Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28211
Pleasant Hill: G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C. 27356
Bethel: M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C. 28459
Union: V. H. Soloman, Rt. 2, Box 302, Gastonia, N. C. 28052
Corinth: Walter Peterson, 607 Landing St., King Mountain, N. C. 28086
Mills Chapel: Jeff Hardy, 307 Goldston St., Kanapolis, N. C. 28081
Oak Grove: Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C. 29709
Herrins Grove: J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124
Jerusalem: Fred Baucom, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C. 28103
New Hope: W. W. Davis, Rt. 2, Hopkins, S. C. 29061

(Send all corresponding Minutes or any other correspondence pertaining to the Original Bear Creek Association to the Assistant Clerk whose name and address appears on the cover).

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastors
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Charles Smith
Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms
High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday a. m., 3rd Sun. night ..... Pastor
Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastors
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Newell Helms
Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder A. E. Broadway
Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor
High Hill: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Charles Smith
Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor
Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Charles Smith
Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Bethel: 2nd Sunday a. m., Sat. Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M., Sat. night ..... Pastor
Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
Corinth: 1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Rom Kerly
Oak Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. night ..... Pastor
2nd Sun. night ..... Pastor
Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
New Hope: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice Haigler

On Communion Sunday preaching time at 10:30 at all churches.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches compossing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called,

converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS	Annual or Com.	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	3 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	55	$55.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	1 July	3	....	....	....	....	1	....	104	75.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms, Elder C. M. Mills	2 July	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	57	68.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Newell Helms	2 Aug.	2	....	....	....	1	3	1	192	150.00
Mountain Creek	Elder H. L. Poplin, Elder C. M. Mills	3 July	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	75	75.00
Lawyers Spring	Elder V. V. Willard	1 Aug.	1	....	....	1	....	....	2	87	77.00
Crooked Creek	Elder A. E. Broadway	4 July	7	....	....	....	....	....	1	52	44.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	4 May 4 Aug.	10	....	....	....	1	....	5	159	150.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Elders Charles Smith	1 June	1	....	....	....	1	....	4	73	75.00
Watson	Elder D. B. Willard	4 May	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	36	40.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	3 June	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	52	80.00
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms	1 Sept.	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	92	80.00
Bethel	Elder W. M. Benton	4 June	4	....	....	1	....	3	....	83	50.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	1 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	45	40.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	3 May	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	13	10.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	2 June	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	59	55.00
Oak Grove	Elder F. W. Stack, Jr.	4 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	5.00
Herrins Grove	Elder Rom Kerley	4 June	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	32.00
Jerusalem	Elder A. E. Broadway	2 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	35.00
New Hope	Elder Joe Helms	4 Aug.	....	....	5	....	3	....	....	10	10.00
	Totals		50	....	6	2	6	9	20		1206.00

Total membership 1294

Contributed by friends $143.49

Total contribution 1349.49